questions intended to be a matter for general discussion? What I mean to say is, we have heavy work on the agenda.

President.—Under the Standing Orders, there should not be any comment on the answers.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Especially on the third day, I mean the last day, when we have 100 and odd resolutions to be discussed. That is why I raise a point of order.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I have made, as a Member of this House, a statement of fact. I do not think any other Member can contradict that without being able to substantiate that statement. Otherwise he must withdraw that statement. I am saying that I was a Director of the State-Aided Bank long before. Now I have resigned, I think you may withraw that statement.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I shall not withdraw that statement. I still maintain he became a Director of the State-Aided Bank after he was entertained in the State service.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know when the State-Aided Bank was started ?

President.—Now we shall go to the next question.

Accidents during floods.

53. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether attention has been drawn to accidents caused to the public almost every year during floods in the main road to Chalakkudi very near the Manali bridge;

(b) if so, what action has been taken to prevent same at least in future?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Accidents are sometimes reported.

(b) The Government are considering the question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the nature of the accidents ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I want notice. The Member is not here.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any driving accident reported ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the questions and answers, it is found that it was answered by the Member himself. Yet he says that the Member is absent. Whether the Government have come to know that it is risky to travel by that road during floods ?

President.—To the north or south of the Manali bridge, which do you mean ?

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Just to the north of that.

President.—There is some low-lying portion where you find a lot of water during flood time. It is very difficult to pass. I know that. Of course, we will try to raise it.

Construction of the Elephant Krawl.

54. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) who was the contractor for the construction of the elephant krawl at Chemony in the Talappalli Range in 1102 and how much timber was sanctioned for its construction and how much timber was actually used for the same;

(b) who measured the timber before supply for the construction;

(c) was there any balance after construction; if so, what quantity and how many logs;

(d) did the contractor apply for a special permit for the removal of the unused logs;

(e) who measured the unused logs and what was the measurement and what is the report of the Forester about this matter;

(f) was any explanation taken for the excess found from the Ranger; what is his explanation;

(g) how was the matter finally closed?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a). There was no krawl construction at Chemony in 1102.

(b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g). These do not arise in view of the above reply.

Tramway Workshop.

55. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to answer (a) what is the total amount expended on the Tramway Workshop up-to-date;

(b) what is the expense incurred on account of the workshop during a year on an average;

(c) what is the revenue on an average from the workshop during a year;

(d) what are the different kinds of work done at the workshop;

(e) whether private works are attended to and, if so, what all works were done for private persons during the years 1102 and 1103 respectively, for whom and the terms of such works;

(f) whether all necessary repair works so far as the Tramway is concerned are executed by the workshop;

(g) whether there are permanent employees attached to the workshop, and if so, how many of them are there, what is the pay of each and to what different communities do they belong;

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